gress in the remaining five cases. In the one case where investigations have been completed, major penalty proceedings have been initiated against five engineers.

Irregularities in construction of show-room-cum-warehouse at Okhla by NCCFo

855. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2206 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th May, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Sub-Committee of Directors of NCCF had pointed out in 1985 serious irregularities in the execution of the Okhla Project;

(b) whether it is a fact that expenditure of Rs. 32 lakhs and the Mobilisation Advance to the Contractor was made without approval of the Board, the Industrial Committee not being competent to sanction any expenditure.

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Chartered Accountant was not appointed from out of panel of Government Agencies/IDBI approved consultants:

(d) whether it is also a fact that the decision to authorise the Architect for issuing Tender Forms to only 7 firms was not approved by the Competent Authority and the construction work was awarded to a bogus firm ignoring 5 competent contractors; and

(e) if so, whether Government propose to get this matter investigated by the CBI?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A sum of Rs. 22.00 lakhs and Rs. 1.07 lakhs were given to the contractor and the Architect without the approval of the Board of Directors.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The decision to authorise the architect for issuing tender forms to only seven firms was not approved by the Competent Authority but the work was awarded to a firm on the basis of the lowest tender.

(e) The contract with the contractor has been cancelled. Action has already been taken to cancel the contract with the Architect. The services of the Officer-in-Charge have been terminated.

Irregularities in import of Chickpeas by NCCF

856. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2295 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th May, 1987 and to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NCCF reduced the original Bank Guarantee of the buyers from Rs. 6.35 lakhs to Rs. 4.25 lakhs in June, 1984 when the party had already defaulted in March, 1984 in lifting of entire Chickpeas Stocks;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Chickpeas stocks were sold without any tender @ Rs. 5300 PMT against the prevailing market rate of Rs. 6500;

(c) whether it is also a fact that on the face of claim of shortage of M/s. Kanahya Lal Siri Ram, 460 bags of sweeping were given by manipulation to M/s. Essell Enterprises;

(d) whether it is also a fact that illegal taking out of 860 bags of Chickpeas from the Port was covered by subsequently appointing a Surveyor on 8th March, 1984, and no shortage certificate was obtained from the Shippers which resulted in rejection of claim of NCCF; and

(e) if so, why this matter has not been handed over so far to the CBI?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT):
(a) Yes, Sir.